

COME, LORD JESUS!

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The Holy Eucharist, Mystery of Love and Faith

June
Every Thursday
Memorial Mass
for the enrollees
in the CLJ!
Memorial Burse

June 4
The Most Holy Trinity

June 11
*The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)*

June 18
*11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

June 25th
*12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Jesus came into our world to give us the fullness of life (Jn 10:10). He laid his life down freely for us in order to take it up again (Jn 10:17-18). He died for our sins and was raised up for our justification, that is, so that we could be made right with God (Rom 4:25). We call Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection the paschal or Passover mystery (1 Cor 5:7).

Jesus perpetuated his self-giving act for all times and all peoples by establishing the ritual meal of the Last Supper: "While they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread, gave a prayer of thanks ("eucharist" in Greek), broke it, and gave it to his disciples. 'Take and eat it', he said, 'this is my body'. Then he took a cup, gave thanks to God, and gave it to them. 'Drink it, all of you', he said, 'this is my blood, which seals God's covenant, my blood poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins...' (Mt 26:26-28). Jesus commanded his disciples to continue to celebrate this ritual (Lk 22:19) which they indeed did (Acts 20:7).

Now it has become our Passover (1 Cor 5:7). His self-giving sacrifice for us on Calvary is perpetuated (1 Cor 11:26) so that we can participate in it.

We can thus join him in offering this sacrifice as well as receive its fruits, the glorified Christ, for our spiritual nourishment. St. Paul expressed this truth when he wrote the following words years after Jesus had suffered, died, arose from the dead and ascended into heaven. "The cup we use in the Lord's Supper for which we give thanks to God: when we drink from it, we are sharing in the blood of Christ. And the bread we break: when we eat it, we are sharing in the body of Christ" (1 Cor 10:16).

This marvelous reality brings to fulfillment what Jesus looked forward to with such longing (Lk 22:15), and which he explained so carefully in the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel. Let us review and reflect upon his words: **Jesus is the living bread that has come down from heaven. This bread makes us live forever. It is the flesh of Jesus who suffered, died and was glorified. In Communion then, we receive the living person of the risen Jesus who communicates the life of God to us.**

May you avail yourselves of these marvelous benefits at every available opportunity.

Father Bertrand

Behold the Lamb of God

Give us
this Day



Our
Daily
Bread

Just as Jesus draws divine life from the Father, so do we also assimilate divine life from Jesus when we receive him in the Eucharist (Jn 6:57). No wonder St. Paul could exclaim, *"It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me"* (Gal 2:20). The risen Jesus becomes the source of this new life (Jn 6:62). He nourishes us with his own spirit (Jn 6:63). But we must approach him with faith in order to receive this supreme life (See also John 6:28, 35-36, 40, 47).

In the Eucharist, Jesus gives us each day the daily bread we pray for (Mt 6:11) and strengthens us to walk through the difficulties of life with vigor – even as God mysteriously nourished the prophet Elijah in the desert through an angel to give him new courage and hope (1 Kgs 19:3-8). This is the real bread from heaven which the manna symbolized (Ex 16:14-15; Jn 6: 32-33, 58). As God had done of old (Ex 16:4), so now he invites us to gather a portion for ourselves each day. Unfortunately, many, like the chosen people, are more interested in the taste of earthly food and even show disdain for this heavenly meal (Compare Nm 11:4- 6). We, at least, must take advantage of this angelic food which contains every delight and reveals God's sweetness toward his children (Wis 16:20-21).

Receiving the body and blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin (Mt 26:28). This presumes, of course, that we are struggling against sin in our lives – otherwise, we would be insulting this all-holy Lord and harming ourselves (1 Cor 11:27-31). Communion with Jesus unites us to each other so that we become the body of Christ (1 Cor 10:17).

He draws us into harmonious living and moves us to accept the differences that tend to divide us. (Compare Ro 15: 5-7; 1 Cor 12:12-27). In the body and blood of Christ, we not only have some kind of angelic food from heaven (Wis 16:20), but Jesus, the glorified Son of God who became flesh (Jn 1:14). This helps us to understand why Jesus disappeared when the two disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread (Lk 24:30-31). Since they had come to "see" him (experience his presence or "know" him by faith and savor him through the gift of wisdom) in the sacrament of his body, it was no longer necessary for him to remain visibly present.

Realizing how rich a source of spiritual life the Lord's supper (the Mass) is, you will want to participate in it as often as you possibly can – even daily. Your efforts to accomplish this will be generously repaid. This impressive statement from the Second Vatican Council in its Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy brings out the singular importance of the Mass: *"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time, it is the foundation from which all her power flows. For the goal of apostolic works is that all who are made sons of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of his Church, to take part in her sacrifice, and to eat the Lord's supper."* (Chapter 1, Article 10)

Father Bertrand



Anniversary Mass Our Lady of Perpetual Help Leroy, LA



COME, LORD JESUS!



Testimony

My name is Nancy DeRouen and I have been a member of Come, Lord Jesus! for approximately 10 years. Born a cradle Catholic, my faith deepened gradually. When my husband and I moved to Maurice, I saw a flier in our church bulletin about Come, Lord Jesus! Lenten Journey. My motivation was simply to make some new friends. This decision would change my life completely. Through this program, I learned how to begin to listen to the Holy Spirit. My group witnessed their zeal and passion for Christ and his Church.

The beauty of Come, Lord Jesus! is how God reveals himself to each member of the group. We all come from different backgrounds and have different experiences, but we all have something unique to contribute. We are all gifted with the same Holy Spirit. One part of the meeting that I find most challenging is Step #6: Reports on how you gave glory to God and proclaimed his greatness. Where did you see God in your life and tell others about it? I believe it's good that this is so challenging, because the Holy Spirit is helping me to open my eyes and ears, to listen and pay attention.

Come, Lord Jesus! is different from other ministries, because there is always something new to discover about our faith, some new insight.

When I needed to attend Come, Lord Jesus! at a different time and day, I was invited to join another group. Leaving my first group was difficult. I immediately felt welcomed by my new group. I mention this because I know that groups sometimes grow so large that they have to divide and form new groups. People may feel reluctant because of the close bonds of friendship and trust. But starting out with a new group is like starting out on a new adventure. I believe that I have only just begun this journey to learn about Jesus and his church. I know that I do not face the future alone. I have my fellow Come, Lord Jesus! members to travel this path with me.



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Pine Prairie, LA: Rosie Hebert

Ragley, LA: Drue Lannin

Ville Platte LA: Jim Boyne, Jacqueline D. Miller

Westwego, LA: Amber Dunning

Youngsville, LA: John Mayeux

Returning Member

Lake Charles, LA: Geri Savoy

Welcome, New Groups

Youngsville, LA : Michelle Woodruff- **Leader**

Susan Durand, Susie Folse, Mary Landreneau, Anna Cefalu,
Yvonne Menard, Karen Guidry, Vickie Bordelon, Pam Sonnier,
Tina Broussard, Ginger Doucet, Betty Fletcher, Ellie Benavidez

Kinder, LA : Erica Barnett - **Leader**

Vicky Conner, Cheryl Fawcett, Jade Miller Fulmer,
Camille Tramel, Christine Fontenot, Tina Maria Trahan
Laura Fontenot, Jackie Storer, Leisha Courville,
Heloise Cassidy, Raven Tweedel, Donna Chambers

Jennings, LA : Renee Baudin - **Leader**

Chris Baudin, Debra Bouley, Rachael Person, Clint Person,
Heather LaBouve, Marella LeLeux, Marianne Rodriguez,
Angie Gillospics

New Groups - continued

Jennings LA : Wayne Bergeaux - **Leader**

Pam Bergeaux, Rick Robicheaux, Dionne Robicheaux
Mason LeJeune, Debbie LeJeune, Elaine Walker,
Jane Sneed, Becky Reed, Richard Devall, Rose Mary Devall
Tommy Dennis

Jennings LA : Phyllis Theriot- **Leader**

Rebecca Baudin, Patricia Guidry, Geri Futch, Darrin Futch
Preston Doucet, Janet Doucet, Pat Sonnier, Kim Sonnier

New Iberia, LA : Bertha Provost - **Leader**

Renee Rogers, Linda Provost, Brenda Moore,
Jeanette Joseph, Marion Garrett, Farina Guidry,
Michael Cormier, Carla Cormier, Debra S. Mitchell
Yvonne Jolivet

Grand Prairie, LA : Tricia Fontenot - **Leader**

Patty Soileau, Tonya Ortego, Stephanie Wedlock
Rhonda Deshotels, Moral Ortego, Angie Johnson

Metairie, LA : Joe Cannatella - **Leader**

Mike Feehan, Cherri Pitre, Tim Pitre, Leslie Killian
Matt Westholz, Eileen Westholz

Youngsville, LA : Deacon Marty Cannon - **Leader**

Janie Cannon, Amy Barras, Robbie Savoy
Kim Landry, Jerry Landry, Elaine Colbert,
Virginia L. Rabalais, James Rabalais

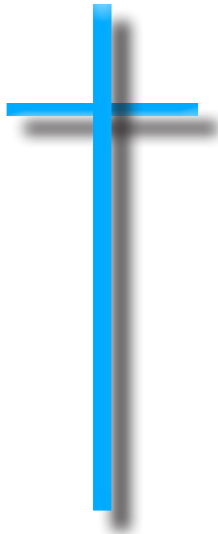
Jeanerette, LA : Chris Hebert - **Leader**

Diana S. LeBlanc, Sheila Brasseaux, Eric Myers,
Mason Myers, Christal Myers



***Come, Lord Jesus! welcomes
Evelyn Babineaux and her new group
from Our Lady of Christian Help in
Jennings, LA***

Condolences



- To members of “Filled With The Spirit” group in Ragley, LA on the death of their member, Martha Guillory.
- To leader Connie Pritchard from Broussard, LA on the death of her father, Elmer LeLeux.
- To the members of “Do Whatever He Tells You” group in Schriever, LA on the death of their member, Evelyn Tucker.
- To member Martha Frederick of Jeanerette, LA on the death of her brother, James Reese.
- To the members of “Holy and Beloved” group in Sulphur, LA on the death of their member, Pat Cryar.
- To co-leader Faye Lafleur of Ville PLatte, LA on the death of her husband, Warren Lafleur.
- To members of “Lord, Hear My Voice” group in Algiers, LA on the death of their member, Elliot “E.J. Arendt.



Eternal rest,
grant unto them O Lord
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May their souls
and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Come, Lord Jesus!
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